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During her July 8 farewell call with Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal (reftel), the Ambassador pointed out that several U.S. families had been matched by adoption agencies with Nepali children in the transition period between the country's old and new adoption system. The United States was hoping that something could be done for these families, but it was unclear who was responsible for the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare. The Prime Minister responded that Deputy Prime Minister Bijay Gachhadar of the Madhesi People's Rights Forum was handling that ministry (in addition to Physical Planning).